

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the present abstract of disclosure and replace with the following amended abstract:

A method is provided for processing coins introduced in a coin tester of an automatic unit delivering goods or services. The coin tester contains a selector for distinguishing the value of introduced coins; a pre-receptacle; at least one reserve for recycling certain coins, a plurality of locations able to receive only one coin of any value; a bowl for giving back coins; and a safe, in which the coins which can no longer be reused for giving back the change are stored in bulk. The method includes receiving and identifying a first introduced coin, temporarily storing the coin in the pre-receptacle; and determining whether the coin should be stored in the magazine or in the safe. An introduced coin is stored in a safe instead of a reserve if the reserve is full, or if the number of coins which are present in the reserve, having the same value as the introduced coin, is equal to a predetermined maximum number of coins.